

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-11 (canceled).

Claim 12 (new): A pan for use within either a stand alone commode or a toilet accommodating commode, said pan comprising:

an upper portion, said upper portion having a front and a back;

a lower portion, said lower portion defining a lower opening adapted to be in substantial alignment with a toilet;

at least one wall extending downwardly from said upper portion to contact said lower portion whereby said pan is capable of fluid communication with said toilet;

a rim defined by said upper portion and adapted for communication with said commode, said rim defining a generally elongated opening in said upper portion; and

a splash guard defined by said at least one wall at the front of said upper portion and in communication with said rim;

wherein said splash guard comprises an arcuate extension of said wall and has a gently sloped surface that extending downwardly from said rim and towards said bottom portion, so as to direct and prevent splashing of waste from a commode user.

Claim 13 (new): The pan of claim 12, wherein said generally elongated opening of said pan is adapted to be in registry with an opening defined by a seat of said commode.

Claim 14 (new): The pan of claim 13, wherein said rim is adapted for releasable engagement with said commode.

Claim 15 (new): The pan of claim 14, wherein said rim is releasably engaged by said commode by means of a peripheral flange affixed thereto.

Claim 16 (new): A pan as defined in claim 15 whereby said pan is further capable of being affixed to said frame by being slidably interfitted with said flange of said commode.

Claim 17 (new): A pan as defined in claim 16 wherein said bottom portion has an opening for fluid communication with a household toilet.

Claim 18 (new): A pan as defined in claim 17 wherein said rim has a generally rectangular shape.

Claim 19 (new): A commode capable of being used either stand alone, or in cooperation with a toilet, said commode having:

a frame;

a commode seat having an opening, said opening of said commode seat being in

registry with said opening defined by said rim of said pan,

said pan further having sides directed downwardly from said upper portion to said bottom portion so as to be capable of being in fluid communication with a toilet; and

said upper portion further having a splash guard at said front, said splash guard being defined by an arcuate extension extending downwardly at said front of said upper portion, from said rim of said upper portion to said lower portion, so as to direct and prevent splashing of waste from a commode user.

Claim 20 (new): A commode as defined in claim 19 wherein said arcuate extension has a gently sloped surface.

Claim 21 (new): A commode as defined in claim 20 wherein said pan is situated within said commode by being releasably affixed to said frame of said commode by means of an outwardly extending peripheral flange extending from said frame.

Claim 22 (new): A commode as defined in claim 20 wherein said flange of said commode is a downwardly projecting L-shaped flange such that said pan can be releasably affixed to said frame by being slidably interfitted with said flange.

Claim 23 (new): A commode as defined in claims 21 or 22, wherein said bottom portion of said pan has an opening for fluid communication with a household toilet.

Claim 24 (new): A commode as defined in claim 23, wherein said rim of said pan has a generally rectangular shape.

Claim 25 (new): A pan for use within either a stand alone commode or a toilet accommodating commode, said pan having:

an upper portion, said upper portion having a front and a back;

a lower portion, said lower portion defining a lower opening so as to be in fluid communication with a toilet;

a rim, said rim defining a generally elongated opening therethrough said upper portion;

at least one wall extending downwardly from said upper portion to contact said lower portion whereby said pan is capable of said fluid communication with said toilet; and

said upper portion further having a splash guard defined by said at least one wall at said front, said splash guard being defined by an extension extending downwardly at said front of said upper portion, from said rim of said upper portion towards said bottom portion;

the improvement which comprises said extension being arcuate in shape and having a gently sloped surface so as to direct and prevent splashing of waste from a commode user.

Claim 26 (new): A splash guard for use on a pan for use within either a stand alone or toilet accomodating commode comprising:

an arcuate front having a gently sloping surface for connecting an upper portion of said pan to a lower portion of said pan at a front wall of said pan so that said splash guard directs and prevents splashing of waste from a commode user during a use of said pan.